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- self*, in a melancholy mood, walked up and down in his tent.
Knight's Hist. of the Turks.
 I know not whether he will annex his discourse to his appendix, or publish it *by itself*, or at all. *Boyle's Spring of the Air.*
 He will imagine, that the king, and his ministers, sat down, and made them *by themselves*, and then sent them to their allies, to sign.
 More pleas'd to keep it, till their friends could come,
 Then eat the sweetest *by themselves* at home. *Pope.*
 It is the solemn form of swearing.
 His godhead I invoke, *by him* I swear. *Dryden's Fab.*
 21. At hand.
 He kept then some of the spirit *by him*, to verify what he believes.
 The merchant is not forced to keep so much money *by him*, as in other places, where they have not such a supply. *Locke.*
 22. It is used in forms of adjuring, or obtesting.
 Which, O! avert *by* yon ethereal light,
 Which I have lost for this eternal night;
 'Or if, by dearer ties, you may be won,
 By your dead fire, and *by* your living son. *Dryden's Æn.*
 Now by your joys on earth, your hopes in heav'n,
 O spare this great, this good, this aged king! *Dryden.*
 O, cruel youth!
 By all the pain that wrings my tortur'd soul!
 By all the dear deceitful hopes you gave me,
 O, cease! at least, once more delude my sorrows.
Smith's Phædrus and Hippolyta.
 23. It signifies specification and particularity.
 Upbraiding heav'n, from whence his lineage came,
 And cruel calls the gods, and cruel thee, *by name.* *Dryden.*
 24. By proxy of; noting substitution.
 The gods were said to feast with Ethiopians; that is, they were present with them by their statues. *Broom's notes on Odyss.*
 25. In the same direction with.
 They are also striated, or furrowed, *by the length*, and the sides curiously punched, or pricked. *Grew.*
 By. *adv.*
 1. Near; at a small distance.
 And in it lies, the god of sleep;
 And, snoring *by*,
 We may descry
 The monsters of the deep. *Dryden's Allion.*
 2. Beside; passing.
 I did hear
 The galloping of horse. Who was't came *by*?
Shakespeare, Macbeth.
 3. In presence.
 The same words in my lady Philoclea's mouth, as from one woman to another, so as there was no other body *by*, might have had a better grace. *Sidney.*
 I'll not be *by*, the while, my lieges, farewell:
 What will become hereof, there's none can tell.
Shakespeare, Richard III.
 There while I sing, if gentle youth be *by*,
 That tunes my lute, and winds the strings to high. *Waller.*
 Prisoners and witnesses were waiting *by*;
 There had been taught to swear, and those to die. *Roscommon.*
 You have put a principle into him, which will influence his actions, when you are not *by*. *Locke.*
 BY AND BY. In a short time.
 He overtook Amphialus, who had been slain here, and *by and by* called him to fight with him. *Sidney.*
 The noble knight alighted *by and by*,
 From lofty steed, and bad the lady stay,
 To see what end of fight should him befall that day.
Spenser's Fairy Queen, b. i. cant. viii. stanza. 2.
 In the temple, *by and by*, with us,
 These couples shall eternally be knit.
Shakespeare, Midsummer's Night's Dream.
 O how this spring of love relembleth
 Th' uncertain glory of an April day;
 Which now shews all the beauty of the sun,
 And *by and by* a cloud takes all away.
Shakespeare, Two Gentlemen of Verona.
 Now a sensible man, *by and by* a fool, and presently a beast.
Shakespeare, Othello.
 BY. *n. f.* [from the preposition.] Something not the direct and immediate object of regard.
 In this instance, there is, upon the *by*, to be noted, the perception of the verjuice through the wood.
Bacon's Natural History, No 79.
 This wolf was forced to make bold, ever and anon, with a sheep in private, *by the by*. *L'Estrange.*
 Hence we may understand, to add that upon the *by*, that it is not necessary.
 So, while my lov'd revenge is full and high,
 I'll give you back your kingdom *by the by*.
Dryden's Conquest of Granada.
 BY, in composition, implies something out of the direct way; and, consequently, some obscurity, as a *by-road*; something

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- irregular, as a *by-end*; or something collateral, as a *by-concernment*; or private, as a *by-law*. This composition is used at pleasure, and will be understood by the examples following.
 BY-COFFEEHOUSE. *n. f.* A coffeehouse in an obscure place.
 I afterwards entered a *by-coffeehouse*, that stood at the upper end of a narrow lane, where I met with a nonjuror.
Addison, Spectator, No 43.
 BY-CONCERNMENT. *n. f.* An affair which is not the main business.
 Our plays, besides the main design, have under-plots, or *by-concernments*, or less considerable persons and intrigues, which are carried on with the motion of the main plot.
Dryden on Dramatick Poetry.
 BY-DEPENDENCE. *n. f.* An appendage; something accidentally depending on another.
 These,
 And your three motives to the battle, with
 I know not how much more, should be demanded;
 And all the other *by-dependences*,
 From chance to chance. *Shakespeare, Cymbeline.*
 BY-DESIGN. *n. f.* An incidental purpose.
 And if the mis the mouse-trap lines,
 They'll serve for other *by-designs*,
 And make an artist understand,
 To copy out her seal or hand;
 Or find void places in the paper,
 To steal in something to entrap her. *Hudibras, p. iii. c. iii.*
 BY-END. *n. f.* Private interest; secret advantage.
 All people that worship for fear, profit, or some other *by-end*, fall within the intendment of this fable. *L'Estrange.*
 BY-GONE. *adj.* [a Scotch word.] Past.
 Tell him, you're sure
 All in Bohemia's well: this satisfaction
 The *by-gone* day proclaim'd. *Shakespeare, Winter's Tale.*
 As we have a conceit of motion coming, as well as *by-gone*;
 So have we of time, which dependeth thereupon.
Grew's Cosmologia Sacra, b. ii. c. iii.
 BY-INTEREST. *n. f.* Interest distinct from that of the publick.
 Various factions and parties, all aiming at *by-interest*, without any sincere regard to the publick good. *Atterbury.*
 BY-LAW. *n. f.*
 By-laws are orders made in court-leets, or court-barons, by common assent, for the good of those that make them, farther than the publick law binds. *Cowel.*
 There was also a law, to restrain the *by-laws* and ordinances of corporations. *Bacon's Henry VII.*
 In the beginning of this record is inserted the law or institution; to which are added two *by-laws*, as a comment upon the general law. *Addison, Spectator, No 608.*
 BY-MATTER. *n. f.* Something incidental.
 I knew one, that, when he wrote a letter, he would put that which was most material into the postscript, as if it had been a *by-matter*. *Bacon's Essays, No 23.*
 BY-NAME. *n. f.* A nickname; name of reproach, or accidental appellation.
 Robert, eldest son to the Conquerour, used short hose, and thereupon was *by-named* Court-hose, and shew'd first the use of them to the English. *Camden's Remains.*
 BY-PAST. *adj.* Past; a term of the Scotch dialect.
 Wars, pestilences, and diseases, have not been fewer for these three hundred years *by-past*, than ever they have been since we have had records. *Cheyne's Philosophical Principles.*
 BY-PATH. *n. f.* A private or obscure path.
 Heav'n knows, my son,
 By what *by-paths*, and indirect crooked ways,
 I got this crown. *Shakespeare, Henry IV. p. ii.*
 BY-RESPECT. *n. f.* Private end or view.
 It may be, that some, upon *by-respects*, find somewhat friendly usage in usance, at some of their hands.
Carew's Survey of Cornwall.
 The archbishops and bishops, next under the king, have the government of the church: be not you the mean to prefer any to those places, for any *by-respects*, but only for their learning, gravity, and worth. *Bacon's Advice to Villiers.*
 Augustus, who was not altogether so good as he was wife, had some *by-respects* in the enacting of this law; for to do any thing for nothing, was not his maxim.
Dryden's Juvenal, Dedication.
 BY-ROAD. *n. f.* An obscure unfrequented path.
 Through slipp'ry *by-roads*, dark and deep,
 They often climb, and often creep. *Swift.*
 BY-ROOM. *n. f.* A private room within another.
 I prythee, do thou stand in some *by-room*, while I question my puny drawer to what end he gave the sugar.
Shakespeare, Henry IV. p. i.
 BY-SPEECH. *n. f.* An incidental or casual speech, not directly relating to the point.
 When they come to allege what word and what law they meant, their common ordinary practice is to quote *by-speeches* in some historical narration or other, and to use them as if they were written in most exact form of law. *Hecker, b. iii. § 4.*
 BY-STANDER. *n. f.* A looker on; one unconcerned. *She*

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- She broke her feathers against the frame of the picture, and, falling to the ground upon it, was taken up by the *by-standers*.
L'Estrange's Fables.
 The *by-standers* asked him, why he ran away, his bread being weight? That was more than I knew, says he. *Locke.*
 BY-STREET. *n. f.* An obscure street.
 The broker here his spacious beaver wears,
 Upon his brow fit jealousies and cares;
 Bent on some mortgage, to avoid reproach,
 He seeks *by-streets*, and faves th' expensive coach.
Gay's Trivia.
 BY-VIEW. *n. f.* Private self-interested purpose.
 No *by-views* of his own shall mislead him. *Atterbury.*
 BY-WALK. *n. f.* A private walk; not the main road.
 All which he moves afterwards in *by-walks*, or under-plots, as diversions to the main design, left it should grow tedious; though they are still naturally joined. *Dryden.*
 The chief avenue ought to be the most ample and noble;
 but there should be *by-walks*, to retire into sometimes, for ease and refreshment. *Broom's Notes on the Odyssey.*
 BY-WAY. *n. f.* A private and obscure way.
 Night stealths are commonly driven in *by-ways*, and by blind fords, unled of any but such like. *Spenser on Ireland.*
 Other *by-ways* he himself betook,
 Where never foot of living wight did tread.
Spenser's Fairy Queen, b. i. cant. vii. stanza. 50.
 Wholly abstain, or wed: thy beauteous Lord
 Allows thee choice of paths; take no *by-ways*,
 But gladly welcome what he doth afford;
 Not grudging that thy lust hath bounds and stays. *Herbert.*

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- A servant, or a favourite, if he be in want, and no other apparent cause of esteem, is commonly thought but a *by-way* to close corruption. *Bacon's Essays, No 11.*
 This is wonderfully diverting to the understanding, thus to receive a precept, that enters, as it were, through a *by-way*, and to apprehend an idea that draws a whole train after it. *Addison's Essay on the Georgicks.*
 BY-WEST. Westward; to the west of.
 Whereupon grew that *by-word*, used by the Irish, that they dwelt *by-west* the law, which dwelt beyond the river of the Barrow. *Sir John Davies on Ireland.*
 BY-WORD. *n. f.* A saying; a proverb.
 Duke of York, be king;
 And bashful Henry be deposed; whose cowardice
 Hath made us *by-words* to our enemies.
Shakespeare, Henry VI. p. iii.
 I knew a wife man, that had it for a *by-word*, when he saw men hasten to a conclusion, Stay a little, that we may make an end the sooner. *Bacon's Essays, No 26.*
 We are become a *by-word* among the nations for our ridiculous feuds and animosities. *Addison's Freeholders, No 50.*
 It will be his lot often, to look singular, in loose and licentious times, and to become a *by-word* and a reproach, on that account, among the men of wit and pleasure. *Atterbury.*
 BY-ASS. *n. f.* See BIAS.
 Every inordinate lust is a false *by-ass* upon men's understandings, which naturally draws towards atheism. *Tillotson.*
 BYE, BEE, come immediately from the Saxon, *bý, býn, i. e. a dwelling.* *Gibson's Camden.*
 BY-ZANTINE. See BIZANTINE.

